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SUBJECT: COFFEE - REMARKS OF ARTURO GOMEZ JARAMILLO

REF: BOGOTA 4001

FOR UNDER SECRETARY CASEY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT REPORT CARRIED REUTERS WIRE SERVICE  
1441 HOURS MAY 16, DATELINED BOGOTA:

QUOTE

THE COFFEE COMPANY BEING SET UP BY THE WORLD' S  
4 BIGGEST COFFEE PRODUCERS WILL BE IN OPERATION BY  
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THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE  
FEDERATION OF COLOMBIAN COFFEE GROWERS, ARTURO  
GOMEZ JARAMILLO, SAID.

IN AN INTERVIEW HE SAID THE BIG FOUR-- BRAZIL,  
COLOMBIA, PORTUGAL AND IVORY COAST -- ARE CLEARING  
LEGAL PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE SITING OF THE  
COMPANY'S HEADQUARTERS

THIS WILL PROBABLY BE IN LONDON BUT IT IS NOT DEFINITE AT THIS STAGE

GOMEZ DECLINED TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT THE PROPOSED  
ACTIVITIES OF THE COMPANY IN THE WORLD MARKET BUT  
SAID IT WOULD BE THE " MAIN OUTLET" OF THE COFFEE  
POLICY OF THE " BIG FOUR" . UNQUOTE

2. IN VIEW CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND CONCERN U. S. AND  
OTHER COFFEE IMPORTING COUNTRIES THIS MATTER IT WOULD  
BE VERY HELPFUL IF UNDER SECRETARY CASEY, AT HIS MEETING  
WITH GOMEZ JARAMILLO THIS AFTERNOON WOULD QUERY LATTER  
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

( A) WHAT DOES GOMEZ JARAMILLO MEAN BY STATEMENT  
THAT PROPOSED COMPANY WOULD BE MAIN OUTLET  
OF COFFEE POLICY OF BIG FOUR?

( B) HOW DOES THIS SQUARE WITH COLOMBIA'S OFTEN  
REPEATED DESIRE TO HAVE NEW AND MEANINGFUL  
INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT?

( C) GIVEN THE FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED STRONG OBJECTIONS  
OF COFFEE IMPORTING COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS TO  
A PRODUCERS' COMPANY WHICH WOULD BUY AND SELL  
COFFEE ON WORLD MARKETS TO CONTROL PRICES, DOES  
HE SERIOUSLY BELIEVE IMPORTING COUNTRIES,  
INCLUDING THE U. S. WOULD BE DISPOSED TO  
COOPERATE WITH EXPORTING COUNTRIES IN NEGOTIATING  
A NEW COFFEE AGREEMENT IF THE MAJOR  
PRODUCERS DO ACTUALLY ESTABLISH SUCH A

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COMPANY?

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILED REPORT GOMEZ  
JARAMILLO'S REPLY SUCH QUESTIONS. RUSH

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